

York Region Police Accident Report

Crash Traps King Youth 3 Hours

Firemen and police took three hours to cut and pry a King Township youth out of his wrecked car Friday night. A youthful Toronto passenger was very seriously injured in the crash. At press time he was in fair condition at Toronto General Hospital with a broken neck.

A girl from King City, also a passenger in the car, suffered minor injuries. York Region Police at King Division said the car was southbound on King Concession 5 (Side Street) south of the 16th Sideroad when the driver apparently lost control about 1 1/2 hours after midnight.

The careening vehicle hit three trees and a parked car, then tore up 50 feet of chain link fence. Police are continuing their investigation and said charges are possible. However, no decision on charges will be made until investigators are allowed to interview the seriously injured youth in Toronto General.

Monday Fire Destroys 2 Horses, Battle Farm Barn Worth \$4,000

Fire early Monday morning destroyed a barn and two horses on a rural estate in northern Richmond Hill just east of Bayview Avenue North. Town firemen were on the scene most of the day pouring truckload after truckload of water on the smouldering remains of the building.

The damage was estimated at about \$4,000 by Mrs. Ruth Battle of Warleigh Hall, the owner. The fire had completely engulfed the barn when it was noticed at about the same moment around 5:30 am by a night watchman at the Reynolds Extrusion Company Limited aluminum plant, 500 Edward Street, and Mrs. Dave Clynne who resides in the 130-year-old farm home on the Battle estate.

Comes Home To Find His Apartment Empty

A Richmond Hill resident came home August 9 and found his apartment just about cleaned out by thieves. They left him a bed. Leslie Hunt of 34A Yonge Street South told York Region Police someone had broke into his apartment sometime after 7:30 pm. He works part time at the Richmond Inn Motor Hotel, 69 Yonge Street South and his wife is in Holland.

Death On Highway 27 In Dump Truck Crash

A Rexdale man was fatally injured at 7:15 am August 12 when his car collided with a dump truck, according to OPP Oak Ridges Detachment. Dead is Geoffrey Wolfenden, 45, of 39 Genthorn Avenue. The truck was driven by Fred Stanley of RR 2, Cookstown. The investigating officer was OPP Constable Tom Jones.

Find L. Wilcox Girl 13, 2 Metro Men Facing Kidnap, Sex Charges

Abduction and sex crime charges involving a 13-year-old Lake Wilcox girl were laid last week by York Region Police. Police said two men were arrested on South Road in the Lake Wilcox district of Richmond Hill at 4 am with the missing girl in a car. Two men face trial in Newmarket Provincial Court at a future date to be set August 24 or later.

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Criminal Negligence Alleged

Richvale Man Charged In Hit-And-Run Death

One man is dead and another at press time was in fairly satisfactory condition at York Central Hospital after a fatal 2:15 am Saturday hit-and-run crash on Yonge Street about a mile north of Elgin Mills Road. Facing trial at Newmarket Provincial Court on charges of criminal negligence causing death and failing to remain at the scene of an accident is Donald Roberts, 26, of 85 Edgar Avenue in the Richvale district of Richmond Hill.

A car believed involved in the fatal accident was found by York Region Police Sergeant Lyman Hall from Vaughan Division Sunday in a grain field off Dufferin Street. Dead is Robert Allan, 39, of Davisville Avenue, Metro. Allan was thrown from a car by the force of a head-on collision.

According to Ontario Provincial Police at Oak Ridges Detachment, the crash occurred after one car was struck from behind by a hit-and-run vehicle. Very ill in hospital after having his chest crushed and suffering facial injuries is Harry Train of Frankish Avenue, Metro. Also injured was Gerald Vince of Westminster Avenue, Metro. He was treated at York Central Hospital and released. Allan and Train were passengers in the car driven by Vince when it was struck from behind, police said.

The car that met the Vince vehicle head-on was driven by Karl Bastian, 46, of 21 Algonquin Crescent, Aurora. Bastian suffered facial lacerations and body bruises. The crash was investigated by OPP Constable Bert Carr and OPP Corporal Bruce McCallum of Oak Ridges Detachment. OPP Inspector Ray Williams of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, General Headquarters, was assigned to lead the search for the hit-and-run driver.

Worst Corner In King Township Claims Life In Two-Car Collision

King Township's "sneak up, dash across and hope for the best" corner claimed more victims last week. This time there was a death. Both cars in the collision had drivers from outside the area. The bad visibility intersection at King Sideroad and Concession 5 at 10:35 pm August 8 claimed the life of a Toronto man, seriously injured a Kleinburg woman, and injured two others.

Frank Peric, 37, of 167 Gamma Street, was proceeding out from the stop sign when his car was hit broadside on the driver's side. Peric died of a bruise to the base of the brain, ruptured spleen and kidney, police said. York Region Police estimated damage to Peric's 1971 Torino automobile at \$1,800. Dr. Pat Schofield of Newmarket was coroner. He told "The Liberal" he doesn't expect any inquest will be necessary.

This corner has been the scene of numerous serious accidents and has a reputation locally as a bad spot. In recent years when King Township Police stuck pins in a map to try and keep track of where accidents were most prevalent, they stopped putting in pins at King Sideroad and Concession 5 because the pins got too crowded.

Oh Where! Oh Where! Is My Bulldozer Gone

Would you believe a disappearing bulldozer? Well York Region Police were a little doubtful, too. But it's now official. A \$14,000 John Deere 450 bulldozer was stolen from a road construction site on Highway 7 West and Highway 27 in Vaughan on the night of August 12. Police were still looking for it at press time. Somebody apparently started up the machine and used it to build an earthen ramp. Then they drove the bulldozer up the ramp onto a truck, according to YRP.

The bulldozer was the property of Peel Construction Limited, Brampton. Vaughan Division YRP are also investigating the theft of about \$100 worth of beer and other small items from the Canadian Legion premises in Woodbridge, where there was a break-in Sunday night.

Court Case Following Gunpoint Correction At Local TV Station

John Burgin, 21, of Richmond Hill is due to appear in Provincial Court August 30 to have a date set for his trial on charges of dangerous weapon possession and common assault. The charges follow an incident at the Richmond Hill Cable Television station August 7 when a news announcement correction and apology was broadcast at gunpoint. A man with a shotgun entered the station and objected to being named as the winner of a swimming award. He left when the station complied with his demand for a retraction.

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WILLOWDALE — Prompt action by George Buchanan, building superintendent, saved a family of four from their blazing apartment here recently. He managed to get Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller and their two children out of the apartment just as the bedroom burst into flames.

Gravel Trucks Arouse Ire Of Home Owners

A delegation representing residents of Markham and Vaughan Roads was assured Monday night that council will take steps to alleviate the nuisance of heavy traffic along these roads. A petition bearing 350 signatures from about 200 households was presented to Richmond Hill Town Council by Miss Gladys McLatchy, 134 Yonge Street complaining of the excessive noise of trucks going to and from a gravel pit on Vaughan Road.

The trucks, said Miss McLatchy, pass along the street continuously from 4:30 am to after 7 pm. Councillor David Schiller proposed that steps be taken to restrict heavy traffic on regional roads to the hours of 7 am to 7 pm except for pick-up or delivery. He also proposed that police increase surveillance on Vaughan Road and enforce all regulations under the highway traffic act, including outlawing undue noise, and that council meet with owners of gravel pits with a view to eliminating the nuisance.

Councillor Shaun Beggs suggested that it would be easier and quicker if council approached the problem through the Pits and Quarries Committee, a committee representing all aggregate producers in Southern Ontario. "We would get to the right people quicker through this committee," said Mr. Beggs. Mr. Schiller agreed, moving that the personnel and bylaws committee of council meet with the aggregate producers to see what could be done about directing heavy traffic away from Vaughan Road.

Councillor Lois Hancey asked that the committee also research hours of operation and other regulations governing movement of sand and gravel. She pointed out that there are two pits within the boundaries of Richmond Hill. "We have to research before we can make recommendations to Markham and Vaughan," said Mrs. Hancey. Councillor Louis Wainwright observed that pits and quarries operate under provincial regulations. "We are not going to get action over night."

Grants Aid To Markham Vaughan

(Continued from Page 1) temporary borrowing has been incurred by factors over which they had no control. In a question and answer period following the minister's presentation, Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby protested that the final tax bill would be quite a blow to property owners since the municipality had not been notified that it could send interim tax bills for more than 50 percent of the anticipated need for the year. He was told that the department has for some time encouraged municipalities to make full use of the interim taxes. "We did not send notices, this has been an ongoing thing for some time," said Mr. Bales. He added that Markham had sent two interim tax bills.

Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan also protested that his municipality's interim levy of ten mills was only about one-third of the anticipated need. Mr. Bales assured him that staff from his department will work with each municipality to determine the actual needs. The amounts designated were not necessarily final. Grants will be given as actual need is established. Some of it might be paid in 1971 and some in 1972.

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Hit-And-Run Car Kills \$1,000 Walker Hound

A treering Walker hound valued at \$1,000 by the owner was killed by a car on Bathurst Street south of Maple Sideroad on the Richmond Hill-Vaughan Boundary at about 8:45 pm August 13, it was reported to York Region Police Vaughan Detachment last week. The car wasn't identified and didn't stop. Police wouldn't reveal the name of the dog's owner.

Road Mileage Doubled

Aurora Mayor Richard Illingworth argued that grants to his municipality were totally inadequate. Boundary changes, he said, had brought in only 1,000

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